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EDINBURGH, Ind. – Select Indiana National Guard units will participate in Vibrant Response, July 21 – Aug. 7 at Atterbury-Muscatatuck, near Edinburgh and Butlerville, Indiana. The exercise is hosted by the U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), U.S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command, and will include approximately 5,500 military and civilian personnel from across the country to take part in a national-level exercise to respond to a simulated terrorist attack in the United States.

Indiana National Guard units involved are: Joint Force Headquarters Indiana, Joint Task Force-81st, the 53rd Civil Support Team and the Indiana National Guard MP reaction Force. More than 500 Indiana troops will participate in Vibrant Response, including support personnel. Brig. Gen. Michal Osburn, commanding general of 81st Troop Command, will be appointed as a dual status commander; leading National Guard and active duty service members for a portion of the exercise

The training will include urban and aerial search and rescue missions, simulated decontamination operations, airlift, medical training and many other events, which offer excellent still photo and video opportunities. Exercise Vibrant Response is a dynamic field training and command post exercise where media will see multi-story building and tunnel searches, rubble pile extractions, medical treatment of patients and aero-medical evacuations. The realism of the scenarios and participation of so many local, state and federal response agencies make VR14 the premier disaster response exercise in the nation. Army North, when directed by the Commander of U.S. Northern Command, deploys response forces to support civil authorities in order to save lives, prevent further injury and provide temporary critical support.

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